

REMARKS

Claims 24-29 have been withdrawn. Claims 9-14 & 31-37 are currently pending in the present application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

On page 2 of the Action, a restriction requirement is imposed on the application. The Action states, "Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121: I: Claims 9-14, 31-37 are drawn to a cable having a printer controller, classified in class 385, subclass 1.15. II: Claims 24-29 are drawn to a method for replacing defected cable with new compatible cable for a printing system, classified in class 439, subclass 1.

Moreover, the Action states, "Invention I and II are related as sub-combinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination." The Action further states, "The sub-combinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention I has other utilities such as connecting two host devices, and wherein invention II has other utilities such as replacing defected cable for different devices such as host PC, scanner, and etc. (MPEP Section 806.05(d))."

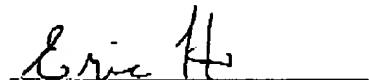
Applicant elects Invention I (claims 9-14 and 31-37) with traverse.

Applicant has considered the Action's initial restriction requirement, but respectfully traverses the same. It is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be reconsidered for the reasons set forth hereinbelow. If, upon reconsideration, the examiner is still of the opinion that restriction is proper, it is respectfully requested that the restriction be repeated and made final in the next Office action. (MPEP § 803.01)

It is respectfully submitted that the sub-combination does not have utility in itself or in other relations apart from the combination. In other words, the inventions are not distinct, and the restriction is not proper, since the sub-combination is not manufactured, used, or sold separate from the combination. Furthermore, the examples supporting separate utility, as provided by the Action on page 2, are not viable or not reasonable for the following reasons. The cable of Invention 1 cannot be used to connect two host devices, but instead is used to connect a host device to a machine capable of printing. Also, the method for replacing cable as claimed recites, "wherein the first printer cable includes a first printer controller that is external to the printer." Accordingly, the method is not directed to replacement of any cable for other devices as implied by the Action.

For all the reasons advanced above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are requested, and allowance is earnestly solicited at an early date. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any suggestions, thoughts or comments, which might expedite the prosecution of this case.

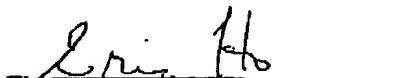
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